



**PUERTO RICANS AND CANCER: THE UNEQUAL BURDEN**

**May 10-12, 2006, InterContinental Resort and Casino, San Juan, Puerto Rico**

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**Tentative Agenda**

**Thursday, May 11, 2006**

**8:00 AM- 8:30 AM**

**Opening Ceremony  
Welcome**

**Julie Kornfeld**  
Program Director  
National Cancer Institute's  
Cancer Information Service

**Jay Silver**  
Executive Director  
Intercultural Cancer Council (ICC)

**Reynold López-Enríquez, MD**  
Director  
University of Puerto Rico Cancer Center

***Discussion of Specific Aims of Conference  
Research Questions to be addressed***

**Scientific Moderators:**

Elmer E. Huerta, MD, MPH.  
Director  
Latin American Cancer Research Coalition  
Washington Cancer Institute

Marcia R. Cruz-Correa, MD., PhD  
Associate Professor of Medicine & Biochemistry  
University of Puerto Rico Comprehensive  
Cancer Center  
Visiting Assistant Professor of Medicine  
Johns Hopkins University

**8:30 AM - 10:30 AM**

**Roundtable: Research Collaborations Across the Sea**

**MD Anderson/PR Cancer Center  
Partnership**  
Edna Mora, MD  
Director  
Cancer Biology Laboratory  
University of Puerto Rico Cancer Center

Gabriel López-Berestein, MD  
Professor of Immunology  
UT MD Anderson Cancer Center

**Break**

**Roswell Park & UPR Partnership**

Carlos Crespo, DrPH, MS  
Associate Professor  
School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences  
Department of Social and Preventive Medicine  
University of Buffalo, The State University of  
New York

Dr. Farah Ramirez

**H. Lee Moffitt & UPR Medical Sciences  
Campus Partnership**

Cathy D. Meade PhD, RN, FAAN  
Professor  
H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center,  
Div. of Cancer Prevention & Control  
Health Behaviors and Outcomes

Melba Sanchez, PhD  
Professor  
Graduate School of Public Health  
Medical Sciences Campus  
University of Puerto Rico

**10:30 AM- 11:30 AM**

**Panel Discussion with Morning Speakers**

**11:30 AM – 1:00 PM**

**Lunch and Exhibits:**

**Keynote Speaker: Advocacy in Acción**

**Venus Gines**

CEO

Día de la Mujer Latina, Inc.

**1:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

**Data and Surveillance: Hispanics and the Puerto Rican Population**

**Hispanic Health Data**

Olivia Carter-Pokras, Ph.D.  
Associate Professor  
Department of Epidemiology and Preventive  
Medicine  
University of Maryland School of Medicine

**Enhancing Identification of U.S. Latinos  
with Cancer: A NAACCR Priority**

Holly L. Howe, PhD  
Executive Director  
North American Association of Central Cancer  
Registries, Inc.

**Break**

**Cancer Registry Data in Puerto Rico**

Nayda Figueroa, MD  
Director  
Puerto Rico Tumor Registry

**Is the incidence and mortality of cancer different between Puerto Ricans and US Hispanics?**

Ana Patricia Ortiz, PhD  
Assistant Professor  
Graduate School of Public Health  
Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics  
Medical Sciences Campus  
University of Puerto Rico

Eric Suarez, Ph.D.  
Professor  
School of Public Health  
University of Puerto Rico

**4:00-5:00 PM**  
**Friday, May 12, 2006**

**Panel Discussion with Afternoon Speakers**

**8:00 AM**

**Welcome**  
***Specific Aims for Day Two***

**Scientific Moderators:**

Elmer E. Huerta, MD, MPH.  
Marcia R. Cruz-Correa, MD., PhD

**8:30 AM - 11:00 AM**

**Genetics and Cancer in Hispanic/Latino Populations**

**Cancer Among Hispanics: An NCI Perspective on Opportunities in Genetic/Environmental Research**

Edward Trapido, ScD  
Associate Director  
Epidemiology and Genetics Research Program  
Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences  
National Cancer Institute

**Findings from the Hispanic/Latino Genetics Summit**

Amelie G Ramirez, DrPH  
Chronic Disease Prevention and Control Research Center  
Baylor College of Medicine

**Break**

**Emerging Areas: Genetic Association Studies in Latino Americans**

Elad Ziv, M.D.  
Assistant Professor of Medicine  
In-Residence DGIM  
University of California, San Francisco

**11:00 AM-12 Noon**

**Panel Discussion with Morning Speakers**

**12:00 Noon – 1:30 PM**

**Lunch and Exhibits**

**Lunch Speaker:**  
**Robin Cline Vanderpool, DrPH**

Senior Research Coordinator  
National Cancer Institute's  
Cancer Information Service

1:00-4:00 PM

**Cancer Control**

Anna Giuliano, Ph.D.  
Program Leader  
Risk Assessment, Detection, and Intervention  
Program  
H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center &  
Research Institute

**Physical activity, body weight and cancer**

Carlos Crespo, DrPH, MS  
Associate Professor  
School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences  
Department of Social and Preventive Medicine  
University of Buffalo, The State University of  
New York

**Diet and Cancer:  
The Puerto Rican Connection**

Katherine Tucker, PhD  
Professor of Nutritional Epidemiology,  
Friedman School of Nutrition Science and  
Policy  
Director, Boston Puerto Rican Center on  
Population Health and Health Disparities  
Tufts University

**Break**

**Tobacco**

David W. Wetter, PhD  
Chair, Health Disparities Research  
The University of Texas M D Anderson Cancer  
Center

Elba C. Diaz Toro, DMD  
Associate Professor  
School of Dentistry  
University of Puerto Rico  
Medical Sciences Campus

4:00-5:00 PM

**Panel Session with Afternoon Speakers**

5:00-6:00 PM

**Review of Research Agenda and Call to Action**

6:00 PM

**Conference Adjourns**